GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF PRODUCT PATENT ON TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether there has any adverse impact on the traditional industries like Coir, Handloom Cashew and Beedi etc. due to product Patent Act; and

(b): if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance being provided/proposed to be provided by the Government to help these industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The Government has not undertaken any study to assess the impact of the Product Patent regime on traditional industries. However, no incidence of adverse impact of the Product Patent regime on traditional industries like coir, handloom, cashew, etc., has been noticed.

(b): Does not arise.